

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the Final Office Action mailed December 13, 2006. In the office action, the Examiner:

- allowed claims 1-6, 41 and 42; and
- rejected claims 7-10, 12, 14-20, 22-23, 25, 27-33, 35-36, 38 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Langsenkamp (US 5,912,947) in view of Hiltunen et al. (US 6,754,484) in view of Zirngibl et al. (US 6,798,867).

Herein, claims 7-10, 12, 14-20, 22-23, 25, 27-33, 35-36, 38 and 40 are canceled, claim 42 is amended, and new claims 43-52 are added. The pending claims are: claims 1-6 and 41-52.

The following clause of claim 42 has been amended to refer to “a computer system” instead of a central processing unit:

a message intake module, executed by the ~~central processing unit~~ computer system, for recording and storing a voice organizer message created by a first user;

This amendment has been made to provide an antecedent basis for the respective claim element and is not related to patentability of the previous version of this claim, which the Examiner allowed in the prior office action.

The new claims 43-47 and 48-52 are similar in scope to the allowed dependent claims 2-6 but have been written to depend respectively from the allowed independent claims 41 and 42. Claims 45-47 and 50-52 refer to instructions included in a message modification module, some operations of which are described with reference to Figure 5 and at page 5, lines 16-26, of the Application. The new dependent claims 43-52 are believed to be allowable for the same reasons as claims 2-6.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 650-843-7501, if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

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